

Royal College of Nursing Family History Search for Elda Mary Kirkby (alternative name Elda Berry)

D.O.B: unknown Born: unknown

Search commenced: 20/08/2020

An initial broad search using the name “Elda Mary Kirkby” returned 40 results. A narrower search produced 9 results, indicated below:

All UK & Ireland, Nursing Registers, 1898-1968 results for Elda Mary Kirkby

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This collection comprises registers of nurses collected by the Royal College of Nursing for the years 1898 to 1968.

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View Record	Elda Mary Kirkby	1954	Southport, Lancs	View Images
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View Record	Elda Mary Kirkby	1940	Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, South Africa	View Images
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As all bar one of the records returned were for residence in Southport, I chose to review the records in date order.

The earliest record for 1937 appears in the General Part of the Register for Nurses and is shown below:

REGISTRY FOR 1937 GENERAL PART

Reg. No.	Name.	Permanent Address.	Date and Place of Registration.	Qualifications.
6950	Kirkbride, Helen	St. Mary's Hospital, Whitworth Street, Manchester	Sept. 22, 1922, London	Cert. 1919-1922, Manchester Royal Infy.
21409	Kirkby, Annie (née Croft)	239, Bury New Road, Higher Broughton, Manchester	Sept. 21, 1923, London	Cert. 1911-1914, Manchester Royal Infy.
27205	Kirkby, Dorothy (née Beeby)	Sourhall Hospital, Todmorden, Lancashire	Jan. 18, 1924, London	Cert. 1916-1919, Haslingden Union Infy.
84261	Kirkby, Elda Mary	28, Alexandra Road, Southport	Nov. 27, 1936, London	King's College Hosp., London, 1933-1936. By Examination.

You can see the registration number is 84261 and they resided at 28, Alexandra Road, Southport.

The next record appears in the 1938 Midwives Roll for Scotland:

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No.	Name.	Address.	Date of Enrolment.	Qualification.
13057	Kirkby, Elda Mary	Gadsby House, 28 Alexandra Road, Southport, Lancs	1937, July 27	Examination

You can see that the address is the same as the previous record and we can assume that this is the same person. It looks as though Nurse Kirkby undertook further training to qualify as a midwife and has the registration number 13057 in the Midwives Roll for Scotland.

The next entry is from the General Part of the Register of Nurses for 1940 and is shown below:

REGISTRY FOR 1940 GENERAL PART

Reg. No.	Name.	Permanent Address.	Date and Place of Registration.	Qualifications.
84261	Kirkby, Elda Mary	Memorial Hospital, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, South Africa	Nov. 27, 1936, London	King's College Hosp., London, 1933-1936. By Examination.

You can see from the entry that the same nurse is working in Bulawayo, Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe).

The subsequent records for 1941, 1944, 1945, 1948, 1952 and 1954 are all from the Midwives Roll for Scotland and list the same Alexandra Road address.

Looking at the second name suggested, another search was conducted for "Elda Berry" which produced two results shown below:

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View Record	Name	Residence Year	Residence Place	View Images
View Record	Elda Mary Berry	1946	Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, South Africa	
View Record	Elda Mary Berry	1943	Avondale, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, South Africa	

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Both records appear in the General Part of the Register for Nurses and are the same nurse as found earlier. Below is the entry for 1943:

GENERAL PART REGISTER for 1943 BER-BER				
Reg. No.	Name.	Permanent Address.	Date and Place of Registration.	Qualifications.
84261	Berry, Elda Mary (née Kirby)	Tullythwaite, East Road, Avondale, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, South Africa	Nov. 27, 1936, London	King's College Hosp., London, 1933-1936. By Examination.

This is the entry for 1946:

84261	Berry, Elda Mary (née Kirby)	D.M.O., Box 368, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, South Africa	Nov. 27, 1936, London	King's College Hosp., London, 1933-1936. By Examination.
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Based on the information supplied, it is not possible to confirm definitively that this is the nurse you were looking for however, you may have further information which could help you decide.

I hope this is of some help with the research of your family's nursing history.